

Claims

1. A method for connecting a wireless local network (WLAN) to a UMTS terminal station (ME) having USIM/USAT functionality,

5 comprising the method steps:

- Monitoring of the activity of the local network by the terminal station,
- Transmission of the type and/or the identity number of the local network to the terminal station following successful detection of local network activity,
- Initiation of a logical connection between the local network and the terminal station, and
- Polling of the specific subscriber data of the local network.

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2. The method as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that

the temporary status of the local network and/or specific subscriber data of the local network are/is polled at periodic intervals.

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3. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that

the specific subscriber data includes the data: type/identity number, subscriber identification, password, secret key for data encryption and decryption, and address of an access node.

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4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that

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the monitoring of the activity of the local network and the transmission of the data to the terminal station is initiated by a universal chip card (UICC) that is installed in the terminal device.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 4,

characterized in that

the terminal station notifies the universal chip card (UICC) of a deactivation of the local network.

6. The method as claimed in claim 5,

5 characterized in that the universal chip card (UICC) initiates a cleardown of the logical connection between local network and terminal station.

7. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,

10 characterized in that the terminal station acknowledges all the data transmitted.

8. A data system for connecting a wireless local network to a UMTS terminal station, comprising:

- 15 - a local network (WLAN),
- a UMTS terminal station (ME) having USIM/USAT functionality and suitable for establishing a connection to the local network,
- means for monitoring the activity of the local network, said means being contained in the terminal station,
- means for transmitting the type and/or the identity number of the local network to the terminal station, the transmission taking place following successful detection of local network activity,
- 20 - means for initiating a logical connection between the local network and the terminal station, and
- means for polling the specific subscriber data of the local network.

30 9. The data system as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the terminal station is suitable for polling the temporary status of the local networks and/or specific subscriber data of the local network at periodic intervals.

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10. The data system as claimed in one of the claims 8 or 9,

characterized in that the specific subscriber data includes the data: type/identity number, subscriber identification, password, secret key for data encryption and decryption, and address of an access node.

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11. The data system as claimed in one of the claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the terminal station comprises a universal chip card (UICC) which initiates the monitoring of the activity of the local network and the transmission of the data to the terminal station.

12. The data system as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the terminal station is suitable for notifying the universal chip card (UICC) of a deactivation of the local network.

13. The data system as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the universal chip card (UICC) is suitable for initiating a cleardown of the logical connection between local network and terminal station.

14. The data system as claimed in one of the claims 8 to 13, characterized in that the terminal station is suitable for acknowledging all the data transmitted.

15. A terminal station, more particularly a mobile radio terminal device, for use with a method according to one of the claims 1 to 7 and/or for use in a data system according to one of the claims 8 to 14.